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report containing miscellaneous information on
Spisska Nova Ves (N 48-57, E 20-34). Topics include factories, mines, military
installations, prices as of early 1956, and changes of street names.

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county of Kosice. The majority of its 12,000 inhabitants are Slovaks, while about 15 percent are Hungarians, and approximately 10 percent Germans.

2. Enterprises and institutions located in the town and its vicinity include the following:

- a. A furniture factory is situated on Mlynska Street (there are no house numbers in town). The enterprise produces for the local market and the surrounding villages.
- b. An electrically operated flour mill is situated on the same street.
- c. A saw mill, located on the left ~~side~~ side of the railroad tracks, leading to Kosice, at a distance of approximately ~~1 km~~ from the railroad station, in the Podskala quarter.

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- d. A starch factory, located at a distance of half a kilometer south of the railroad station, and 1 km. west of the Lutheran Church. Railroad tracks lead directly up to the site.
- e. A tractor station, situated in the Podskala quarter opposite the saw mill, comprises a total of about 30 tractors.
- f. Iron ore is mined at Rudnany (formerly Koterbachy), 12 km. from the town on the road to Kosice. These mines have been enlarged in recent years, and employ at present some 3,000 workers.
- g. Gypsum mines and a gypsum processing plant are situated in Spisska Nova Ves Huta, 3-4 km. south of the town. Uranium was reportedly discovered there in 1951, and approximately at the same time, Soviet engineers and technicians arrived from Novy Jachymov, center of Czech uranium mines, and have since been accommodated on Slovenska Street, in the vicinity of the railroad station and near the point where the Kosice line branches off in the direction of the flour mill and furniture factory. The former occupants, Catholic priests, were evacuated from the house. A narrow gauge line leads from the mine to the main railroad track, crosses it, and reaches a freight yard near the saw mill.

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- h. A dam and an electric power station were completed along the banks of the Hnilec River, in the vicinity of the Dobsina cave, between Dedinsky and Mlinsky, in 1954. The dam is approximately 1 km. long, approximately 100 m. broad, and 3-4 m. deep.
- i. In 1949, the wooded mountain area between Kezmarok and Levoca was declared a military training area. Three villages located therein were evacuated, and the region closed to the public.
- j. An officers' training school, which had previously existed in town, was moved to another locality in 1952. There is only one company, believed to be artillery, currently located in the town.
3. The only hospital in town is a 10-bed maternity clinic, though the construction of a large hospital is in the planning stage.
4. The following is an early 1956 price list for a number of food-stuffs. (per kilogram unless otherwise specified):

<u>Name of Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
Bread	3.80 - 4.0 kcs.
Flour	2.80 - 3.20 kcs.
Sugar	10.50 kcs.
Butter	44.0 kcs.
Lard	44.0 kcs.

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<u>Name of Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
Beef	24.0 - 28.0 kcs.
Pork	30.0 kcs.
Pork Chops	60.0 kcs.
Sausage	55.0 kcs.
Potatoes	0.75 kcs.
Milk (liter)	1.80 - 2.20 kcs.
Eggs (piece)	1.50 kcs.

5. The names of the following streets in Spisska Nova Ves were changed recently:

<u>Former Name</u>	<u>New Name</u>
Masarykov Riadok	Gottwaldov Riadok
Skolska Ulica	Partizanska Ulica
Pribinova Ulica	Kapitana Nalepka Ulica
Elektrarinska Ulica	Dr. Brullova Ulica

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